



Approved for use through 10/31/2000. OMB 0651-0031 Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

REQUEST **FOR** CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Address to: Commissioner for Patents **BOX RCE** Washington, DC 20231

09/612,598
July 7, 2000
David A. Farber
2152
M. Geckil
6233P001D

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. Other iii. \boxtimes Enclosed iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) (Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. Fees The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 RECEIVED ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) APR 1 8 2003 OFFICE OF PETITIONS c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT. ATTORNEY. OR AGENT REQUIRED Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 39,018 Name (Print/Type) William W. Schaal April 11, 2003 Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail with sufficient postage in an 0000001 envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on: /2003 AKELLEY 00000036 022666 09612598 April 11, 2003 01 FO: Neathe (Print 75) bego DA Corrinn R. Reynolds April 11, 2003 Date Signature

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.